

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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Daffodilly Greetings!

Spring has sprung, and pink, white, and yellow surrounds us. Though our grasses might not be so green with having to preserve water, we still relish every blade and blossom!

And you will relish our next meeting! On Monday, April 22, at 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library we welcome Christina DeBarry who will give a pastel demonstration. Most of you have admired Christina's award-winning pastels, and we are most happy to welcome her again as our demonstrator. Thankyou's again go to Program Chairwoman Debbie Tintle!

Debbie Hughes tells your editor that, yes, there are still seats available for the Big Apple Trip. This is such a winner that you will not want to miss it. At 8:45 am Sat. April 27th we meet at the upper parking lot of the Somerset County Library (near the Vo-Tech School). New this year--a delightful choice. Yes, the first stop is the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Yes, at 3 you may get on the bus and go downtown to the Salmagundi for the American Watercolor Society Show and/or the delightful Forbes Museum (no admission fee there). Or--you can spend the whole time at the Met, for the bus will go back and pick you Mets up at 4:30, and then return to the Salmagundi to pick up those RVAAers at 5. Home about 6. All this for only \$23. made out to RVAA and mailed to Chairwoman Debbie Hughes, 55 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. More info? Debbie is at 908/725-4639. Guests and non-members are welcome.

Lynne Bigge and Judy Hummer will be bringing refreshments and the coffee pot to our next meeting (April 27, Christina DeBarry). It was decided at March's meeting that the coffee pot will travel with a refreshment volunteer each time, thus freeing President Linda Arnold to struggle only with the mylar screen each time (any volunteers for this?)

Included with this Newsletter is the En Plein Air Schedule. You may remember that RVAAer Bob Nathan (now in Florida) started this series. It continues on, in the capable hands of Connie Halliwell. Do please read the flyer and join in when you wish.

RVAA has a number of shows upcoming. In November Mary Ann Creasy has obtained another show for us at the Children's Specialized Hospital. Your editor will again run our Holiday Show & Sale at the Somerset County Library in December. AND.....March 10--April 18th RVAA will have a juried show at the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Gallery, right in Somerville, in the Courthouse Administration Building (between the Somerset Hotel and the new jail). This is a nice well-lit gallery, but small, so the show must be juried. AND...we need an EXHIBITION CHAIRMAN to get the juror for the show and be there for delivery and pick-up. President Linda Arnold informs me that without a chairperson, there won't be a show, and this is not one we want to miss! So feel free to phone Linda at 908/647-3610 and volunteer.

After an absence of 4 or 5 years while new building was going on (I guess you hardly ever see old building going on), the delightful Lamington Presbyterian Church Art Show is once again being held. Receiving is April 26 & 27; the show runs April 30th-May 8th. If you wish info and/or applications you might want to phone the church at 908/439-2629.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Among the many exhibitors in the Bridgewater Township Art Show were RVAAers: KEN BERNHARD, MARGE BRAUN, SYLVIA GLESMANN, who was awarded First Place Professional for her "Wild Blackberrie Tangle II", LINDA McCAUSLAND, DIANA PATTON, and MAUREEN SLATER, all three Honorable Mention, Professional; RON TOLLES, who was awarded Second Place Professional, and RUTH WILSON, Third Place Professional. Among the RVAAers, non-professional, were BERTIE BLOCKLEY, who was awarded First Place Non-Professional for her "City Church", BARBARA BRIDEN was awarded Third Place, Non-Professional; MARIAN CORNWELL, MARY ANN CREASY, ARTI DUNN, SHERRY ENGELBERG, ANGELA FEHRENBACK, RITA GORKY and JUDY HUMMER, both awarded Honorable Mentions; DEBBIE HUGHES, JAMES LAUBACH, GERI OLDMAN, and DORIS PECK.

The New Jersey Watercolor Society Full Members Show is presently at the Paper Mill Playhouse and several RVAAers are in the show, including ELSA HERRMANN, FRAN MAURER, JOAN McKINNEY, who was given the Cheap Joe's Art Award for "The Corner Chair", DIANA PATTON, and DEBBIE TINTLE. This show will be up until May 22nd.

The Garden State Watercolor Society Full Members Show is presently at Mercer Medical Center, Bellevue Ave., Trenton, until April 29th. Your editor doesn't have a program from this show yet, but knows RVAAers JOAN McKINNEY, RUTH WILSON, and DIANA PATTON are in it.

ELLEN FABER had a one-woman show at the Hillsborough Public Library March 2-31st and she is in the Blackwells Mills Canal House Watercolorists Unlimited Show & Sale, April 13 & 14.

ELSA HERRMANN participated in the "Art for Freedom" in Tewksbury, and was featured in Gallery One's "Most Popular Artists" show in High Bridge. Elsa was awarded First Place in Watercolors at the Ocean County Artists' Guild's February Members' Show, was accepted into Ocean County Artists' Guild's 18th State Juried Exhibition, and had a show at the Lavallette Library. Elsa was featured in NEW JERSEY COUNTRYSIDE magazine, winter issue, in an article entitled "Why I Love New Jersey". Copies can be obtained by contacting the Bernardsville office of the magazine.

CAROL STAUB won the First Place Award in the Saint Lucie Professional Arts League Community Center Exhibit and was juried into and won an award in the Palm Beach Watercolor Society 19th Anniversary Exhibit in the Cornell Museum in Delray Beach. Carol also had a painting chosen from the competition for "Permanent Exhibit" by the University of Florida. The work will hang in the new teaching wing at the Indian River Research & Education Center, Fort Pierce, FLA. All chosen artists are to be honored at the luncheon and dedication of the wing April 16.

DEBBIE TINTLE was awarded Best in Show in Essex Watercolor Club's Annual Members' Exhibit in the Chatham Public Library. DEBBIE, along with DIANA PATTON and RON TOLLES, will be in the Environmental Center's Juried Wildlife Art & Carving Show May 4 and 5th and they have works in the preshow which is up now at the center in Basking Ridge.